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REMARKS

The Office Action rejects claims 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 20030174668. In response, Applicants have canceled claims 8-10.

The Office Action objects to claims 11-13 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response, Applicants have hereby amended claims 11-13 to be in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants, therefore, respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Craig Plastrik, at 301-601-7252, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,



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